

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please replace the claims, including all prior versions, with the listing of claims below.

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A M method for billing a communications link-(KV) that is established via ~~the~~ ~~an~~ Internet-(INET) between a first communications terminal-(KEG) and a mobile target communications terminal-(ZKEG) of a packet-oriented mobile radio network-(MEN), ~~wherein~~ comprising:

routing a set-up message-(AF) relating to the first communications link-(KV) is ~~routed~~ by the first communications terminal-(KEG) via the Internet-(INET) to a network node-(GW) of the mobile radio network-(MEN), the network node-(GW) determines determining a call charge computer-(GS1, GS2, GS3), wherein charge payment data relating to the first communications terminal-(KEG) are stored-(M1);

transmitting a charge request-(GA) relating to the communications link-(KV) is transmitted by the network node-(GW) to the call charge computer-(GS1, GS2, GS3);

performing a check ~~is carried out~~ by the call charge computer-(GS1, GS2, GS3), as to whether the charges relating to the communications link-(KV) at the mobile radio network end are being borne at the communications terminal-(KEG) end; and

sending a response message-(AN), containing including the a result of said the check, is sent to the network node-(GW) by the call charge computer-(GS1, GS2, GS3), wherein

if there is a positive result for said the check in the mobile radio network-(MEN), the communications link-(KV) to the target communications terminal-(ZKEG) is established, or if there is a negative result for said the check in the mobile radio network-(MEN), the establishment of the communications link-(KV) is aborted.

2. (Currently amended) The M method according to Claim 1, characterized in that wherein a link node-(GW) connecting the Internet-(INET) to the mobile radio network-(MEN) is used as a network node.

3. (Currently amended) The Mmethod according to Claim 1 or 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein an element-(GW) of a data packet control system-(IMS) that controls the establishment of the link is used as a network node.

4. (Currently amended) The Mmethod according to ~~one of the preceding Claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the first communications terminal-(KEG) is linked to the Internet-(INET) via an Internet access network-(ISP).

5. (Currently amended) The Mmethod according to Claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a network computer-(GS1) of the Internet access network-(ISP) is used as a call charge computer.

6. (Currently amended) The Mmethod according to ~~one of~~ Claims 1 to 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a network computer-(GS3) of the mobile radio network-(MEN) is used as a call charge computer.

7. (Currently amended) The Mmethod according to ~~one of~~ Claims 1 to 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein an Internet computer-(GS2) of the Internet-(INET) is used as a call charge computer.

8. (Currently amended) The Mmethod according to ~~one of the preceding Claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ by means of ~~wherein~~ via the response message-(AN), information is sent to the network node-(GW) stating that all the charges that are incurred in relation to the communications link (KV) are being borne at the first communications terminal end-(KEG), call charge data relating to ~~said~~ the charges are recorded-(M1) in the call charge computer-(GS1, GS2, GS3), and

a charge payment is effected by an operator of the communications terminal-(KEG) to an operator of the mobile radio network-(MEN).

9. (Currently amended) The Mmethod according to ~~one of~~ Claims 1 to 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein

information is transmitted, by means of the response message (AN), to the network node (GW) stating that the charges incurred with respect to the communications link (KV) are being borne at the first communications terminal end (KEG) up to a pre-selected maximum level;

call charge data relating to ~~said~~the charges are recorded (M1) in the call charge computer (GS1, GS2, GS3), and

a charge payment is effected via the call charge computer (GS1, GS2, GS3) by an operator of the communications terminal (KEG) to an operator of the mobile radio network (MFN).

10. (Currently amended) The Mmethod according to Claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the communications link (KV) is terminated if a charge level recorded with the call charge data reaches the maximum level.

11. (Currently amended) The Mmethod according to Claim 9, ~~characterized in that as soon as~~wherein when a charge level recorded with the call charge data reaches the maximum level, an additional charge payment is effected and henceforth a fresh recording (M1) of the call charge data, starting at the zero charge level is effected.

12. (Currently amended) The Mmethod according to ~~any of~~ Claims 1 to 7, ~~characterized in that by means of~~wherein via the response message (AN), information is transmitted to the network node (GW) stating that a proportion of the charges that are incurred in relation to the communications link (KV) are being borne at the first communications terminal end (KEG), call charge data relating to ~~said~~the proportion of the charges are recorded (M1) in the call charge computer (GS1, GS2, GS3), and that a charge payment to an operator of the mobile radio network (MFN) is effected by an operator of the communications terminal (KEG) through the call charge computer (GS1, GS2, GS3).

13. (Currently amended) The Mmethod according to ~~any of~~ Claims 8 to 12, ~~characterized in that~~wherein further call charge data are recorded in a memory (M2) of the mobile radio network (MFN), ~~in order~~ to check charge payment procedures during the call charge payment that has been  
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effected by comparing the call charge data recorded (M1) in the call charge computer with the further call charge data recorded in the memory (M2) of the mobile radio network (MFN).

14. (Currently amended) The Method according to ~~any of~~ Claims 8 to 13, ~~characterized in~~ ~~that~~wherein during the call charge payment that has been effected, the call charges are divided between the operator of the call charge computer (GS1, GS2, GS3) and the operator of the mobile radio network (MFN).

15. (Currently amended) The Method according to ~~any of the preceding~~ ~~Claims~~, ~~characterized in~~ ~~that, claim 1, wherein~~

before the response message (AN) is transmitted by the call charge computer (GS1, GS2, GS3), the transmission to the first communications terminal (KEG) of an information message (IN) relating to the call charges is effected,

the receipt of the information message (IN) is confirmed by means of a confirmation message (BN) issued by the first communications terminal (KEG), and

\_\_\_\_\_ after ~~said~~ the confirmation message (BN) has been received, the response message (AN) is transmitted to the network node (GW) by the call charge computer (GS1, GS2, GS3).

16. (Currently amended) The Method according to Claim 15, ~~characterized in~~ ~~that~~wherein

a proceed-to-dial relating to the call charges is transmitted to the first communications terminal (KEG) together with the information message (IN), and

a selection is made by the first communications terminal (KEG) in response to the proceed-to-dial, and information relating to the selection that has been made is transmitted by means of the confirmation message (BN) to the call charge computer (GS1, GS2, GS3).